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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

There is such a thing as being too hospitable. It is a very beautiful and benevolent thing to go out into the highways and byways and invite everybody who will come to labor in your vineyard. But it is possible to overdo it; and we in this country may as well begin to ask ourselves if we have not already overdone it. For, there is no use in denying it, there are Americans, and there have been Americans since the beginning; and we whose grandfathers and great-grandfathers fought to have a country of their own have at least something to say about the government of this country. The foreigner who, Americanized or not Americanized, dwells here in peace and avails himself of the privileges which are his by law, should remember that he enjoys his freedom by the grace of Americans, and that this country is not for Englishmen or Frenchmen or Germans or Italians or Irishmen, but for Americans—born here or elsewhere it matters not; but Americans in thought and feeling.

In these days it is considered very disgraceful to have the faintest sympathy with the doctrines of the dead and gone Know-Nothing party. But Know Nothingism is not the abomination of desolation, by a good deal. There is a great deal of sound sense in the idea that America is for Americans. Whoever comes here, be he

from Natal or from Nova Zembla, has to renounce in heart, as well as in word, allegiance to all powers, principalities or potentates, if he would be deserving of the title of American citizen. He should not come here to trouble himself and others with the dissensions and grievances of his native land. If he is a German, he should forget '48; if he is a Frenchman, he should forget '71; if he is an Irishman, he should forget 1780. His one duty—his whole duty—is to America, and to America alone.

This the Germans and the Frenchmen seem to understand. So do the Swedes and the Dutch and the Spaniards and the Italians and the Russians and all the rest of them, save and except only the two million-and-a-half of Irish, who make more noise and cause more annoyance in Uncle Sam's lodging-house than all the rest of his fifty million lodgers put together. The raw Irishman in America is a nuisance; his son is a curse. They never assimilate; the second generation simply shows an intensification of all the bad qualities of the first. The honest truth is that the Irish have been and are a burden and a misery to this country. All that can be said for them is that they helped us to build our first railroads cheaply; but the Chinese, bad as they are, would have been a cheaper investment than the Irish. These innocent children of the old sod have done more than any others to corrupt our politics, to lower the standard of service in domestic and commercial life; and they have simply used this country as a ground of vantage from which to wage in safety their imbecile and indecent war against the English government. To-day we have a cowardly press, afraid to offend the "Irish vote"—the vote of voters who can't even read, for the most part-a cowardly press crying for the recall of the one honorable, honest and able minister to the Court of St. James's that we have had since Motley. Is it not about time that there was a clearance in Uncle Sam's Lodging-House?

Do the voters of this great State of New York realize the character of two-thirds of the men who are supposed to represent them in the Albany Legislature? They find day after day that measures are carried which are entirely opposed to the interests of the people, while legislation that is absolutely necessary is systematically resisted and defeated. The public is so accustomed to the process that it is taken as a matter of course. The Senate and Assembly at Albany are so little in sympathy with the citizens, that the citizens have come to lose sight of the fact that they had anything to do with electing the members. It is very difficult, indeed, to properly characterize some of these Albany rascals.

Suppose we were to say to the keeper of Sing Sing or Auburn Prison: "Mr. Keeper, the people of the State of New York want some men to make laws for them and to protect their interests. What can you do in that way?" "Well, sir, I think I shall be able to give satisfaction. I have a very choice collection of sneak-thieves and highwaymen. Then I can furnish you with a desirable line of burglars and perjurers. I suppose you have little use for murderers or manslaughterers; but I can confidently recommend a few very superior embezzlers, forgers and horse-stealers. The majority of these men have not quite finished their sentences, but in the interests of the public I think I can let them out."

People would recoil with horror at the thought of such fellows as these representing them; and yet a number of the Albany members are not one whit better than these convicts, and deserve the same punishment. The history of Albany Legislation of late years has never been such as the state could be proud of. It was corrupt enough when the late Mr. Tweed invested extensively in the commodity. Mr. Tweed became the owner of both Houses of Legislature; they were his property and were naturally managed solely in his interests. The present Legislature differs from that of Mr. Tweed of blessed memory; it is anybody's Legislature. Its precious members sell themselves to the highest bidder, or to the men with the longest purse.

We doubt if it ever so much as occurred to any of these shameless scoundrels that they were elected and paid a salary by the people for the purpose of representing the people. What is to be done? For bills opening the doors to greater frauds than ever have been hurried through with corrupt speed. What is to be done after the purification and practical canoniza-tion of that model of judicial integrity, the much-maligned Westbrook, who took Mr. Jay Gould under his protecting wing? We fear nothing at present. Yet there is a remedy, and the remedy lies with the people themselves. Let them, before election day, inquire into the character of the men who are so anxious to serve them at Albany. Let them refuse to cast their ballets for the thieves, liars, perjurers, rascals and time-serving vagabonds who have betrayed them at Albany. Let them scratch the names of Alvord and Sharpe, of Grady Let them scratch and Brodsky, of McClelland and Poucher, and a score of others, whenever they have a chance to do it. The voter who, with such warning as this, records his vote for any of these men is as bad as they are.

The faint toot of a war note is heard in Europe, but it is a little too early to prophesy as to whether or not that toot will increase in volume and plunge the Old World into a blood-letting match. This time the trouble is with Egypt, and the British lion is very deeply interested. If there is to be war, the aforementioned lion will not have much fighting to do with negros or inferior races, but with some European nation whose soldiers wear clothes and suspenders. England has such great Indian interests that it is necessary that Egypt—the highway to India—be governed in a manner to suit her. Just now it does not come up to her standard of government at all, as the Khedive's rule is very shaky—if it exists at all—owing to the enterprising and rebellious conduct of Mr. Arabi Pasha, who professes to act with the approval of the Sultan of Turkey. There will be a conference; but if Egypt is to change hands it is not England that will be left out in the cold, although France is a very convenient ally for Great Britain at this particular juncture.

The death of Garibaldi leaves the world without a life that deserves to be called both heroic and patriotic. No nobler, simple-minded and unselfish man than Garibaldi ever existed. Without understanding politics in their technical sense, he was the embodiment of justice, republicanism and freedom. Of what is called humbler parentage, his name will be remembered when many patrician statesmen and legislators will be forgotten. His career was so varied and romantic that had he lived five hundred years ago the record of his deeds would have been looked upon as doubtful and traditional. Italy owes her national life to him, and he gave her this life in the face of sneers, ridicule and enemies. Garibaldi died as he had lived, in unostentatious simplicity in his island home at Caprera. He scorned titles, orders or ennoblement at the hands of kings or princes. His fame and memory have been exalted and ennobled in the hearts of the millions of lovers of freedom and political equality.

JUDGE WHITEWASH COMPLETELY EXONERATED.

The following is the Majority Report adopted by the Albany Assembly, by a large majority, which entirely vindicates Judge Whitewash; the charges against him in connection with the Elevated Roads and the appointment of receivers being found to be groundless. To the Assembly:

The Committee on Judiciary appointed to investigate the conduct of Justice T. R. Whitewash entered upon the discharge of the duties devolved upon them, and have since been almost constantly engaged in such investigation.

It has been very hard work, indeed; but knowing the anxiety of the public to hear the truth about the matter, they did not shrink from their duty.

The committee examined and received efficient aid from Judge Whitewash, and are quite convinced that the character of the gentleman is above reproach; and are of opinion that the New York *Times* and the *Evening Post* ought to be suppressed for having called Judge Whitewash horrid names.

Judge Whitewash assured every member of the committee that he had never done anything unbecoming to his exalted office, and such an assurance from the judge himself ought to be and is conclusive.

The evidence of Mr. Jay Gould, a wealthy and very worthy citizen, has influenced the committee very much in their decision.

Mr. Gould stated that he did not know of the existence of such a person as Judge White-wash until several weeks after he had rendered his decisions in Mr. Gould's favor. If Mr. Gould was unacquainted with Judge Whitewash, why should Judge Whitewash even stretch a point to oblige Mr. Jay Gould?

There is also strong testimony to prove that Judge Whitewash never heard of Mr. Jay Gould; or if he had, he did not think that he had any thing to do with stocks. Consequently there could have been no collusion between these

two gentlemen. As regards holding court in Mr. Gould's private office, this matter is very satisfactorily

Judge Whitewash happened to go to the regular court-house, and found the scrubwoman still hard at work on the floor.

Shure an' I'll be thrue in a few minutes, sorr."

"Madam," said Judge Whitewash: "it is not of the slightest consequence. I will go elsewhere."

He went to the Puck office and asked permission to hold court in the editorial rooms; but learned, to his chagrin, that these apartments had just been destroyed by fire.

Then, on finding that all the benches in the City Hail Park were occupied, and anxious to get his work off his mind, he entered the Western Union building, and, seeing a door open, he sat down on a chair from sheer exhaustion and transacted the business before him. coming out, to his intense and utter surprise, he saw the name of "Jay Gould" on the door.

Much strong language has been hurled against Judge Whitewash for appointing expensive receivers for bankrupt insurance companies. Per-haps Judge Whitewash may have made slight errors in judgement in this respect, in neglecting to ask the receivers how much they would charge for the job; but these are trifling matters, and if blame is attached to anybody it must be to Mr. John Kelly, who, in his love for his suffering fellow-creatures, nominated most of the receiving gentlemen.

T. R. Whitewash is a much maligned but

innocent judge.

W. A. SMOUCHER, F. B. SMIRK, A. J. LARKER, O. S. SELL, J. D. MAKE, D. S. SPOTTER.

MINORITY REPORT. Judge T. R. Whitewash ought to be impeached.

ALFRED C. CHAPIN, JAMES E. MORRISON, ROBERT A. LIVINGSTON.

A DEAD GOLD DOG.

A small boy was seen holding a dead gold

dog by the ears the other day.
"Are you afraid he'll fall down?" inquired an old man who looked like a professional missionary.

"No; but I want to kinder get on the good side of him."

"So that he will follow you around?" "No, not much; but so that he will stand still long enough for me to hitch him to this kettle. Just get your rocks ready, and we'll have a regular old Jersey fox-hunt, as soon as he gets going."

A MOSQUITO.

"I just got a mosquito in my throat," mur-mured the fair Angeline, as she leaned on her

croquet mallet.
"I am so sorry," replied Tom: "cough hard."

And the fair creature coughed hard enough

to break her back.
"If I only had something to drink," she sighed, as she glanced at a near-by soda-water

sign.
"All right!" he replied, innocently, and tramped off to a pump and brought about a pint of water, which the young lady, who had not swallowed a mosquito, but had tried to secure soda-water under false pretenses, was obliged to swallow.

The moral of this is that too much modesty is sometimes bad for the health, and if you see anything you want don't be afraid to ask for it,

> THE FLOWERS IN THE DELL Are now upon the bud; The clerk of the hotel His mammoth diamond stud, That cost a single dollar, Has donned beneath his collar.

Puckenings.

THE SUPREME COURT has recently pronounced it libelous to call a man "a member of the Union Club."

WE WONDER whom the Albany Legislature represents; it is certainly not the people of the State of New York.

ASSEMBLYMAN ROOSEVELT ought to understand by this time that Judge Westbrook bears a character that is unimpeachable.

YES, CERTAINLY; we think Mr. O'Donovan Rossa would be a great improvement on Mr. Lowell as Minister to Great Britain.

ICE HAS RISEN, owing to the report that some of the icebergs now drifting about the Atlantic are from two to three hundred feet high.

BEEF IS GETTING so high that, although there is not much difference in price, poor people will have to buy ice as a substitute.

THE CZAR has postponed his coronation for a year, contrary to the desire of the Nihilists, who are anxious that he should get a heavenly golden crown without delay.

TEN KICKAPOO INDIANS in Kansas have been naturalized. That civilization may not bear too hard on them at first, missionaries are educating them to be ticket-scalpers.

SINCE THE WESTBROOK INVESTIGATION, it has been proved that whitewashing is not confined to the white-wooled, tottering ex-body servants of the late George Washington.

IF MR. JAMES GORDON BENNETT could but induce the members of the Assembly who voted for the Majority Report in the Westbrook case to go on a North Pole expedition, what a happy state this might be!

THE YOUNG MAN who fondly hoped that his last year's Summer suit would do for this season is now engaged in studying the habits of the Timea flavifrontella and searching for a tailor who sells garments on the instalment plan.

IT IS HARD TO LOSE those two relics of patriotism, Mr. Cyrus Field and the André Monument, at the same time.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

But we still have left to us the Elevated Road, with its five-cent fare and the block system.

Mr. Robeson ought to get our new Navy ready, and the Seventh Regiment should look after its fighting-pumps; for who knows but, if Egypt changes her rulers, they may demand the restoration of the obelisk to its native land?

THE NEW YORK GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS met at the Masonic Hall, on Sixth Avenue, on Monday last. The Grand Lodge is going to offer a fifty-cent prize to any Mason or non-Mason who can discover what the whole business was about.

A NEW KID GLOVE has been invented with a pocket in the palm, which is said to be for the purpose of holding small sums of money. They will be very popular if worn by all people who have small sums of money. To see the point of this joke use an astronomical telescope.

> Now the Bull-dog, like a fox, Shoots around, and in the box Fondly roots, While he searches for a bone Doth the urchin throw a stone, And he scoots.

A Melancholy Reflection.

Suggested by "PUCK's Cranks."

If fudge were stuff And stuff were bosh, And bosh itself were fudge, Why fudge is stuff Tough stuff enough, And I think Puck In luck.

ANOTHER CRANK.

A Conceit.

(After Puck.) Arithmetically Considered.

If one brings two And two brings three, And two from three leaves one, Why one is two And two is one, And twice seven is fourteen.

An Epicurean Fancy.

Bagdad, 1882.

If pie were cake And cake were cheese, And cheese itself make cake, Why cheese is cake And cake is cheese And pie itself must gun The bun.

J. S., JR.

LA MASCOTTE.

The pate of the baldest burgess
Grows red like a belt bouquet,
When the swirl of the "Syrens" merges
In the roar of the packed parquet.

For Provence has furnished the fable. Gay Paris the music's delights; York 's filled with material stable The house and the cast and the tights.

And the horns of the Broad Street pampa They wear "on the floor" next day,
With a sprig, Herold, of Zampa
A bit of Audran's hay.

And we at court, who cobble Our fortunes, find, aha! Refrains, at Chambers, "gobble" In Common Pleas the "ba"!

It's "plan, rataplan," my drummers, Sheep, turkeys and what not; But best to your whistlers, hummers, The cream of the new Mascotte.

When the pate of the baldest burgess
Grows red like a belt bouquet,
As the swirl of the "Syrens" merges
In the roar of the packed parquet.
A. E. WATROUS.

THE NATIONAL GAME.

Arthur kissed his wife affectionately, and was telling her that the happiest day of his life was the one on which she had accepted him.

"And when was the unhappiest, pet?" she asked, blushingly and putting down her crochet

"Well, Eva, I have had several, and sometimes it is difficult to decide between them; but I think that for real, steady, broad-guage misery, the day I acted as scorer in a base-ball

match in Weehawken takes the frosted cake."
"Tell me all about it, dear. You have never told me before."

There was not much 'all' to it-but quite enough for me. There is a colored base-ball club in Weehawken called the 'Atalantas,' and they challenged a rival organization called the 'Galway Sluggers.' I was on the grounds at the time, and, not knowing the real relations of the parties, agreed to do, out of mere kindness, what no one else would-act as scorer for both. There must have been three thousand persons present, and a great deal of interest seemed to attach to the match. I did not know much about scoring; but I agreed to do my best, and every one was satisfied.

"Well, the game started and I saw one of the colored men make a complete run, so I made this entry:

""'Hernandez Hope—I.'
""What are you scribbling there?' asked the captain of the Galway Sluggers.
""I am scoring. I credited the Atalantas with one on the first inning.'

One what?' said the captain, fiercely.

"'Why, one run, of course.'

"He uttered a sort of whoop, and all the Galway gang and their friends came running up shouting:

"'That wasn't a run; that was a foul!

"I insisted that I was right.

"Two of them drew revolvers and began shrieking that I was trying to throw the game. "Feeling very nervous, I said:

"' Well, gentlemen, suit yourself. I will call it a foul.'

"I so marked it.

"The game was resumed.

"The next ball came the way of Cæsar Thompson; but the catcher got it to first base before he did. It was the same with the third man. When the fourth was reached, I noticed that the short-stop of the Galways and the captain of the Atalantas were having a set-to in a corner of the field. The negro who was on

COME TO THE WRONG SHOP.



THE WAY IRELAND HOPES TO GAIN HER FREEDOM!

second base got 'home' all right, and I scored his side one, when the Galway men left their places and threatened to kill me if I so marked it. "'Didn't you see the short-stop catch the

ball?' said the pitcher, menacingly.
"'I confess I did not,' I answered: 'For he has been fighting with one of your people for the last five minutes.

"There was a great outcry, and to save myself from being rent by the imposing factions I did

as demanded.

"Just then a ball struck the umpire in the head and he was carried off moaning, leaving me in full charge of the game. There were at least a dozen disputants leaning over my shoulders and giving me instructions, and, at my refusal to comply, they would call out: 'What do yer soy?' and draw knives. But by invariably marking fouls on their colored brethren, I contrived to retain their good-will.

"When the inning was over, the captain of the Galway Nine took me by the hand and

addressing the multitude, said:

" Atalantas - o. "His words had scarcely escaped him when the entire Atalanta Club, with all their followers, made a dead-set for me, yelling like maniacs and calling upon me for a statement.
"'We'll stand by you,' said the chief of the

Galway Sluggers. "'Atalantas-o,' I repeated, bravely and dis-

tinctly. "Thereupon every colored player drew a razor and made a lurch for me. Amid cries of 'Cut him up!' 'Wreathe him!' 'Carve his

heart out!' etc., I plead for protection. "Quiet being obtained, I said:

"'Suit yourselves, gentlemen. It shall be six runs or no runs - just as you like. It makes no difference to me.'

"A compromise was effected and the Atalantas were credited with three. Then the Galway Sluggers took their places and the Atalantas took the bat. The first of the Galway players ran to the third base instead of home. The Ethiopian with the bat chased him. There was a scrimmage and the colored man got the worse of it.

"'Score one for me,' said the Galway Slugger.
"'How can I?' I pleaded: 'you haven't

even got home.'
"There was a wild shout: 'Down with the

nigger sympathizer!'
"I said, feebly:
"'You've made no run.'

""—— I haven't!' said the Galway Slugger:
'and you've given the coons three.'
"'Three!' said the captain of the Atalantas: 'we've made six.'

"'But you can compromise on three, gentlemen.'

"'Three for the coons,' said the Galway right fielder: 'It's a lie and an outrage. We ain't called sluggers for nothing.'
"'Give it to the vulture hot!'

"This was the grand signal. The Atalantas with razors, and the Galway Sluggers with knives and revolvers rushed upon me pitilessly. My book was knocked from my hand. I was struck on the head with a bat, lifted bodily and pitched over a fence into a ditch, bruised and bleeding.

"My moans and groans were mingled with the shouts and yells of the two clubs who, with the active participation of the entire multitude of both races, began a riot of the most merci-less and blood-thirsty description. "I tell you, Eva, I was glad when the police

came and carried me away on a stretcher. swore, then, never to act as scorer again, and I never shall."

"My darling is too good-natured."
"The Justice of the Peace didn't think so, pet, for he fined me ten dollars for disorderly ERNEST HARVIER. conduct."

Soon will the smart young man, rusticating near a lake, attempt to sail in a canoe, and it is only fair to say that he will be more free, fresh and reckless on the first essay than on the second—if he makes a second.

THERE HE IS AGAIN.



THE WAY TO OFFICE UNDER PRESIDENT ARTHUR.

IMPRESSION DU COUNTREE.

The brown cow clambereth up the hill, The bluebird flyeth here and there; Spring breatheth through the balmy air, And murmuring floweth the rapid rill.

The maiden sitteth 'neath the tree, She hath ta'en off her little shoon, She heedeth not the shy aboon, Nor for the blue-bird careth she,

Her gentle brow is drawn and white, r cheeks have lost their hue of rose-It all hath fled into her toes, For oh, for ah, her shoon are tight

The brown cow cometh calm and slow Adown the hill, all silently; She hath seen all and now would see What doth the maiden down below.

And, borne upon the gentle wind, A shriek resoundeth-fast doth go That maiden from the scene.

A button-hook is left behind!

PARSNIP.

BY THE SEA.

The deep, navy-blue waves broke sadly on the loneful strand that stretched away till lost in the bosom of a turquoise sky, radiant with the glimmering jewels of the night. No soli-

tary horseman, etc.
"It is sweet," he began: "to be able to flee from the cares and perplexities of business life, to escape from the close city and its multitu-dinous noises, and be for the short space of a few weeks in some sequestered bower with

nothing to do but lie around and eat."
"Yes," she responded: "and go riding, and play croquet and lawn-tennis in the afternoon, and hear the music in the evening and go bathing in the morning. I think I like bathing best of all. This morning I was in the water for half an hour, and I saw about a dozen little fishes swimming around in the sun just as happy as they could be. Don't you think the fishes have a nice time?"

"I do, indeed-that is when they can keep out of sardine boxes; but, you know, fishes have their little vexations just as we do. They have to swim around for something to eat, and just as they are getting it, they find it is on a hook and they haven't got any hind legs to reach around with and take the hook out, and the next instant they are jumping around on the sand, while the fair angler springs up on a stump and screams, and asks George to take it And then it has a willow wand run rudely into its left upper entrance and through its mouth, and shortly after a lot of its old schoolmates are captured and put on the same wand, and they are all hung up on a tree like a rosary of onions in a country cellar. And then often when it is caught, the angler throws it into a basket on top of a lot of sinkers and lines and bait that it can not eat, and a flask that it can't drain, or else he rams his thumb and forefinger into its ears, slaps it down on a board and commences to husk the scales off with a dull one-bladed knife, and all the time-

"Oh, don't!" she broke in: "let's change the subject."

All right. How do you like the sea-side?" "Pretty well," she replied: "but I didn't sleep well last night."

"What was the matter—mosquitos?"
"No, lobster croquettes."

"Well, I was kept awake the other night; but I had lots of fun. Gingerbread produce; the wakefulness and the bed-clothes the fun. There is more solid insomnia in gingerbread than you have anything like an adequate idea of. Good thing to eat before going to church in the country. And then what fun-what delectable enjoyment I had trying to keep those bed-clothes on. I woke up and found half of the quilt on the floor. In hauling it over I got the whole thing crooked, the corners of the quilt fetching up in the middle of the bed and the centre part dangling on the floor. Then I got a hold of the lower end of that quilt with my feet and attempted to straighten it out by a quick kick. I somehow let go of the quilt, and let the foot-board have it so hard with my ankles that the next morning I couldn't get my shoes on. Then I turned over and tried to fling the quilt sideways, and straighten it out by a sudden movement with my feet. This time I didn't hit my ankles; I got it on the toes for a change; and the quilt was all gathered up in a ball, which looked as though it might be without ends. Let me do what I chose, I couldn't keep my feet out of the cold air. Finally I sat up in bed, and got a hold of that quilt and waved it in the air until it resembled its original self, and let it down straight and

"Was I then happy? "Well, no; not exactly.

"Why not?

"Why, because as soon as I lay down I found the blanket in a ball beside me, and the sheet in a miscellaneous heap at my left shoulder. I then tried to straighten them out with my feet, and before I got through I had the quilt jangled out of tune and on the floor. looked around to see if the pillow was all right. It was. It also seemed to be enjoying the fun. Getting all the covering back, I worked them around, and in so doing got the under sheet up under my shoulder blades in a heap, and I am surprised that the mattrass didn't follow Fifteen minutes more of careful work made matters fifteen times worse; for both sheets, the blanket and the quilt got so mixed up that you couldn't tell where they began or ended. Then by this time a small but very select school of mosquitos came through the window and settled on me, and, as I couldn't manage to get the coverings unraveled to shield myself, I got badly bitten. One of them kept right about an inch from my nose. "'Oh, elfin saw-mill,' said I, taking good

aim: 'here goes!'
And I let fly, fetching myself a lick on the cheek that knocked me half way out of bed. The next shot I missed my head altogether. and struck the wall with such force that for two hours I wore my finger-nails on my knuckles. Then I stood up in bed and tried to unravel the covering once more. I hadn't got them more than half unraveled, when I reached out pretty hard to connect with a mosquito that as calmly dining on my ankle. In doing this I lost my balance, and came down on the bed with sufficient force to knock half-a-dozen slats on the floor; and in grabbing at the first thing, I caught the mattress, and, in so doing, hauled it over on me, and there I lay for several minutes inhaling dust and feathers and-"

But just then the fair maiden called his attention to a soda-water sign at one of the hotels, and they hurried on, he saying he would treat her bountifully, and she declaring she thought she would take a little chocolate with

some vanilla and cream in it.

R. K. MUNKITTRICK.

THE LATEST TILE DECORATION CRAZE-BUYing a new straw hat.

A JEWISH TRAGEDIAN recently struck a fellow-histrion for calling him a ham.

A SCIENTIST STATES that salt air produces thirst. Now, why does a man drink so much beer at Coney Island-because the air is salt, or because the bottoms of the mugs are so thick and high?

IF YOU WOULD be circumstantially guyed, just allow yourself to be misguided by a tourists' guide. This is an attempt to make a London Punch joke without alluding to Algiers or Kandahar.

As a TIMELY OFFERING for Decoration Day, our E. C. the Philadelphia Kronikle-Herald published last week an engraving of a fourteenyear-old girl kissing with filial affection the picture of her father who fell in the War, "be-fore her infant voice could call his name." About three years before, that's all.

A YOUNG MAN-AGERIE.

100 ANIMALS LET LOOSE.

Mary adder little beau Who was a gnu-sance quite; He'd setter round and would n't go And burn the coal and light. He'd sq-weazel little tapir waist, Which Mary could n't bear, And elephant-om stories based On some mouse haunted there. He'd come anteater up, he'd say, Pig-horse she was so sweet;
And when she'd castor eye away
He'd say: "I koodoo eat."
For fear he'd dis-ape-pointer, he
Woodchuck in Mary's lap Each night some cur-ram-ells, and she Would 'possum to the chap. He'd gazelle a long time in her eyes—
"'T will make ermine," he thought— He'd catch giraffe-ter she would rise To leave him, ass she ought. He'd say: "The wether fine will grow," Or: 'T will reindeer, a heap." She'd answer: "Don't jerboa me so, Or I will goat to sleep."
He'd say she was zebu-ty,and
A swine she'd spark-elk-uite; And he was sloth to drop her hand
When sheep bid him "good night!"
Her pa, on pup-puss, had his boot
Steel pointer d like cur ram, And swore he'd gopher that galoot, And swore he'd gopher that galoot,
Whom he musquash and lamb.
"It is a chamois' said: "which must
Beast-topped. If fallow-deer
Much longer't will be wick-kid just—
They sh-antelope this year."
So he told marmouse sure rabbits Like Mary's troub-bull made. "To night ewe sit w-hare Mare-y sits, And I'll keep in the shade." The beau as usual camel long, And boar a pig buck-ay, And full of hares he hummed a song Hyena lover's way. "I'm monkey-dory now," he thought:
"Fawn none but she is here." In parlor dark cat once he sought To find his precious steer.
"I gnu ewe would be hiding, pet! Oh, come, mice soul, to me; I hope your marten-night may get
As leopard,' whispered he.
"I've hound you now and, little minks,
I'll heifer kiss," he said, Then wound his arms in loving lynx Hare round the mother's head. And then the pa began to whale As hart as he was sable; The little buck who, very pale, Did Jumbo-round the table. Then pa showed cattle-hog of coal And gas the coon had burned. And smoled a most ferocious mole There rat the youth concerned. "Now come! mule pony up!" he cried: "Bea-ver yak can vam-moose."

"All I have catamounts," replied
The kid: "to naught. No use."

"It is n't pussy-bull!" pa cried:
"Yak can't foal me, you know!"

"I've got some ferret tickets," sigh The boy: "Doe let me cow." Then pa began to llama-gain
The cur-ning little boar,
Who stag herd as boot number ten Shot him right through the door.
And "Good bison-y! St-aye-aye-way!" Came to the little beau, Who groaned: "When pig enough he'd lay That dog-goned buffalo."

Patented, H. C. D.

squeeze a little taper

nuisance

set around

-as usual

tell her phantom and eat her Because cast her I could oo disappoint her Would chuck caramels pass some gaze a long her mine her after weather rain, dear Don't yer bore go to as beauty As wine was loth she bid purpose pointedgo for mus' squash—lam a shame he be stopped-allowed here wicked shan't elope marm how sure habits trouble you sit where Mary or " shades" as-came along bore a big bouquet airs High in a hunky-dory For none dark at once precious dear I knew you my soul ma to-night Asleep hard I've found-minx have a kiss links Around whale as hard as-was able buck jump around catalogue ferocious "smole" There at you'll pony up Before yougot amounts kid possible you can't fool ferry tickets Do let me go to lam again cunning-bore

Good-by, sonny, stay away

dog-goned buffer low
H. C. DODGE.

staggered as

FREE LUNCH.

THERE IS NOTHING in this world more aggravating than to lose one sleeve-button. If a man could lose both, it would not be painful. But it is losing one that breaks his heart; for, if the design be unmatchable, he knows he will never be able to use it unless he loses an arm.

No small Boy can resist the temptation of drawing a stick along a picket-fence as he is passing, because hideous noises please him. If he hasn't a stick for the performance, he substitutes his hand and imagines the noise. It is a great wonder he is not fond of so-called classic music.

When a man is wearing pearl-colored trousers he is very careful not to drop ink on them, and, as a natural consequence, they are spotted the first day. When he has on a dark pair he is utterly reckless, and not a drop of ink ever touches them. A man might swim four miles through ink, and not a stitch would be moistened except his shirt front.

FIELDING.

If there happens to be a malarious swamp outside of the cricket ground, and but a single hole in the fence, the cricket ball will find that aperture, and shoot through like lightning and go out and locate on top of an old tin pan. And when you fly over the fence, and take half a plank along in your hand, and ascertain that you can't secure the ball without a pole or getting covered with mud, and that it is impossible to get back on the ground without going all the way round—for the aperture is always furthest from the gate—then you express yourself in the liveliest terms you can command, and conclude to have your shoes cleaned by contract. But your pain is the pleasure of the batsman—not that he laughs at you, for he doesn't; no man ever laughs at a fellow-being in such a sad predicament. Not at all. But if he is tired—and he generally is—he lies on the grass and hopes you may not find the ball for half-an-hour, so that he may have a good rest, and be fully prepared to send the ball through the fence again.

A SPLIT IMMINENT.



The President has begun the work of extermination. He sent into the Senate this morning the name of Mr. Bentley in place of Mr. Lathrop as Collector of Internal Revenue for this district, and the name of Mr. Luby in place of Mr. Sanders as Surveyor of Customs.

It is evidently the purpose of the President to draw the dividing line sharply between the two wings of the party. If so, the fact may be regretted; but the rank and file will accept the issue and abide the event.—Albany Journal, May 25th, 1882.

LITERARY NOTE.

"Paul Hart; or, The Love of His Life" is by Uncle Lute, whoever that gentleman may be. The publishers are the gentlemen who are responsible for the English edition of "Pot Bouille." It is hard to understand what could have induced Uncle Lute to write this so-called American story of real life. This is a specimen of the style:

"'No, he is not wealthy, and his profession, if he has any, is rather that of an author. He is a poet, Aunt Jane. Do you remember one time, long ago, when you were at our home, a young lady read a poem which you all, especially papa, thought so grand?'

" I remember it well, and often to this day snatches of that beautiful poem run through my mind.

" Well, the author turns out to be Paul Hart,' Lisette replied, a thrill of fond pride dispelling the blushes from her cheeks.

" Is your hand promised to Mr. Hart?

"' Oh! no, no,' and just a little ripple of a laugh was heard, while the blushes dyed her cheeks so deeply this time that shadows of them remained all day."

Perhaps some of our Puck readers with strong literary tastes may see the beauties of this passage; if so, we shall not have printed it in vain.

AMUSEMENTS.

Mr. Geo. H. Jessop's "All at Sea" is now all at Boston.

The double-mammoth " Uncle Tom's Cabin" has been succeeded by Mr. Frank I. Frayne, in "Mardo," at NIB-LO'S GARDEN

"La Belle Russe," at WALLACK'S, continues to interest the theatre-going public, and will probably do so until the Summer closure comes off.

"Patience" once more, on Monday night last. This time at the BIJOU OPERA HOUSE, with Lillian Russell, Augusta Roche, Harry St. Maur, J. E. Nash and others.

On Friday next the last matinée of the "Squatter Sovereignty," at HARRIGAN & HART'S THEATRE COMIQUE, will take place, and this place of amusement will lie fallow until the Fall-oh!

Miss Mary Anderson will not go to Europe, but will sail the Shrewsbury blue on a yacht called the "Galatea." There is one consolation about an actress's yacht. For, unlike an actress's diamonds, it cannot be stolen.

The management of the Madison Square Theatre made its ice contract early in the Winter; that is why it can afford to be so liberal in iceing the air that the audiences breathe who go to enjoy " Esmeralda."

On Friday night, at the ACADEMY OF MUSIC, Mme. Amalia Friedrich-Materna will give a farewell concert assisted by several distinguished artists. She will not be handicapped by the late Thomas festival mis-managers.

We have no reason to alter our opinion regarding Mr. Robert G. Morris's "Old Shipmates," at HAVERLY'S FOURTEENTH STREET THEATRE. It is conventionally nautical, but direct and entertaining in action. Miss Cayvan's Little Hattie deserves praise.

"The Mascot" is now in its second month at the GERMANIA THEATRE. The house has been filled nightly. The "Merry War" is in preparation, although so long as "The Mascot" proves such a success, it would not be safe to predict when there will be a change of bill.

Miss Julia A. Hunt is an earnest and interesting young actress, who appears at ABBEY'S PARK THEATRE as Fiorinel in the new dramatic romance of that name. The play is airy and picturesque, and will doubtless find favor with numbers of persons who go to the theatre to be amused.

Miss Imogene Brown appeared, on Saturday night, at the STANDARD, in the second act of "Fra Diavolo," preceded by the eternal "Pinafore." This concluded the engagement of the Hess Opera Company. On Monday,

The Summer theatrical season may indeed be said to have

Africa having sent us Jumbo, her sister continent, Asia, is not to be out-done. So it will ship, send, and in good order deliver a royal Bengal elephant, known to his playmates along the Ganges as " Bamboo." The quadruped will be consigned to the Kiralfy brothers, and will bring with him his own palanguin for the accommodation of sixteen Kiralfy coryphées. Bamboo's début will occur in "The Black Venus," but he will take no part in the ballet.

At the ST. GEORGE'S GROUND, at Hoboken, on Wednesday last, a Thespian Eleven provided some excellent leather-hunting for a rival eleven composed of newspaper men. The Puck contingent did not cover itself with glory, but two Herald representatives made up for its shortcomings, Mr. Cholmondley-Jones, as long-stop, not allowing any byes, and Mr. Satterthwaite and also Mr. Jessop making their moderate scores in true cricketing style. Mr. Tearle, of Wallack's Theatre, took one wicket after another for a succession of duck's eggs. The return match is to come off shortly, when the journalists hope to do better.

"CRUSHED AGAIN!"



A REPORT REACHES THE N. Y. "HERALD" OFFICE OF THE ENGAGEMENT OF PRINCESS BEATRICE.

HILDEGARDE'S FOLLY;

THE VENGEANCE OF A LIFE. By MISS MATSELL, of Arizona

The window shades of night were falling at their

Lord Addlethwaite paused at the threshold of Balbriggan Castle, undecided what to do. At his side dangled his tried and trusty and rather rusty sword.

His palfrey stood on the lawn languidly eating a sweet otato-vine that was falling airily from the taper fingers of a cast-iron ancient without any clothes on.

Cautiously Lord Addlethwaite strode into the boudoir, where the Lady Amena was reading the opening chapters of a novel in Um die Welt.

As his lordship entered, the fair Amena grasped a silver-plated stiletto; and, with a hurried, maddened glance, rushed forward, at the same time raising it above her raven curls, and with a lithe, cat-like spring-

For the continuation of this highly thrilling, moral and entertaining story see PUCK ON WHEELS, of all news-Baker and Farron exhibited themselves in "Max Muller." dealers, on or about June 15th. Price 25 cents.

Answers for the Anrious.

PRETZEI _Thanks

HASELTINE.—Her summer resort is Garubayo-see PUCK ON WHEELS for 1882.

MALTA .- If you have any MS, to send here, send it; don't inquire beforehand. We make more stamps off the MS

G. K. THORNTON .- You ask of us a somewhat difficult service:

U. S. STEAMSHIP " HAMILTON,") May 30th, 1882.

To the Editor of Puck-Sir:

Will you have the kindness to publish, in your next issue, that piece of poetry which I think was originally from Blackwood's, namely: "Where the Blackbird Sings"? I have forgotten it. It begins this way: "In the quiet country road," etc.

GEO. K. THORNTON, Formerly of the Collins' Line of Steamers. [On the Canal Street Pier.]

We should be very happy to oblige you; but there are several difficulties in the way. The number of Blackwood's in which that poem was originally printed was burned up in our little fire. Still, we won't disappoint you; we have taken the trouble to have one or two little blackbird poems written by our office-bards. You can take your choice. Here they are:

WHERE THE BLACKBIRD SINGS.

In the quiet country road, She and I once gaily goed; We were in a carryall; And she wore a Paisley shawl. Death is quite an awful snap, Vizored is the youthful cap; Shingles deck the stable roof; So she wore a waterproof. Why do wicked little boys Take delight in naughty noise? Weave the warp and weave the weft, Ariadne once got left. Dogs enjoy a meaty bone; Singular of Jones is Jone. This is not from "Pinafore," Let there be no waste of gore.
"Will you marry me?" I said; But she answered: "Nixie wed! You are fresher than Jim Bings. Go to-where the blackbird sings.

In the quiet country road Where the urchin bangs the toad On the head and makes him ill, Often I, on evenings still, Wandered with Rebecca Jane, Rigged in bonnet cheap and plain, And we saw the shining stars In each others oculars

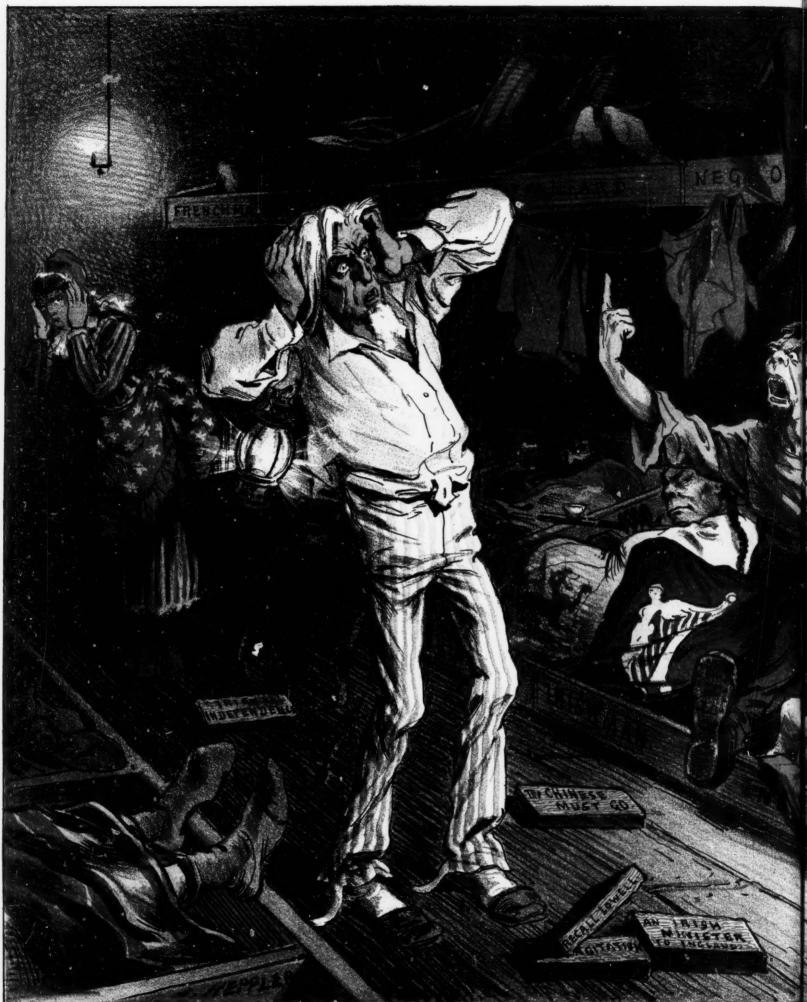
Down where truth lies in a well, There I courted lovely Nell; And I kissed her lovely lips, Because she gave me racing tips. Then I married her in church, And day by day we gaily perch On the window-sill sublime, Where there we'll sit till end of time.

Where the blackbird sings I go Where the blackbird sings I go In the quiet afterglow, And I he upon the ground In a reverie profound. Then my mindlet softly strays To a realm of yesterdays, When I guzzled, by the lake, Aftermaths of Johnny-cake. Where the blackbird sings, it 's fun To go walking with a gun, And the blackbird knock awry or a toothsome stew or pie

The last one was written by our office-boy, who doesn't seem to have quite grasped the idea.

SAM THOMAS, Brandon.—We are always pleased to hear words of grateful and intelligent appreciation, and although your spelling is a little queer, we appreciate the friendliness that prompted your letter.

S. S. O'NEIL.-If you sent us those Puckerings to avenge a murdered father or an assassinated grandfather, or to square yourself for any other wrong we may have done you, it is all right. Otherwise your act is one of intolerable injustice and cruelty.



OFFICE OF "PUCK" 23 WARREN ST. NEW YORK

UNCLE SAM'S IDOUNCLE SAM'S LOOK here, you, everybody else is quiet a peace



M'S DGING-HOUSE.

is quiet *peaceable, and you're all the time a-kicking up a row!"

THEIR CITY BOARDERS.

A CONNECTICUT ROMANCE.

Five o'clock in the afternoon of a hot July day. A cool breeze, sweeping down the long, shady country road, brings welcome relief to the panting kine who stand by the trough in

Deacon Sperry's barn-yard.
"Ann Elize" Sperry, attired in a new dress of obsolete style, and wearing an elaborate false front of hair and many bits of oroide jewelry, peers anxiously from her chamber window down the road leading to the village.

The Deacon, in an unwonted condition of cleanliness, roams uneasily through the lower part of the house and finally brings up in the kitchen, where his wife is busy preparing the evening meal.

"'Pears to me it's time that stage was a-comin'," says the good man, glancing nervously at the old kitchen clock and then at the window.

"Naow, Hezekiah, don't you bother me; just you step into the best room and wait till I git everythin' ready for the city folk. I don't think much of this 'ere boarder business; but 's long as Ann Elize hes sot her mind on it, we'll hev to give in, I s'pose."

"There they be now! I swan ef the old stage ain't runnin' over with them!" exclaimed the Deacon with sudden animation as his eve

the Deacon with sudden animation, as his eye fell upon the old red vehicle toiling slowly along through the dust: "Ann Elize, be you all ready? They're a comin'."

They evidently were "a-coming." The old stage fairly brimmed over with passengers

On the box by the driver sat an elderly gentleman with white whiskers, with a small child carefully stowed between him and the

Jehu. On the deck of the vehicle, so to put it, four other children crawled, much to the annoyance of a trim French nurse, who was obliged, every two seconds, to rake in a child,

as a croupier rakes in the gains of "the house."

The head of an elderly lady protruded from one window, where two or three other children tried to squeeze their faces, while from the other window a young man and a young woman looked out together, much to the detriment of his hat and her bonnet.

"Them be they, Ann Elize," said the Deacon, striving to look dignified and indifferent.

Miss Ann Eliza tossed her head, and made a gesture of indifference that displayed to the best advantage her leg-of-mutton sleeves, style of 1849, went out with the Leghorn hat.

"Lor, pa," said she, with lady-like non-chalance: "that ain't nothin'."

The stage drew up at the door.

"Folks for you, Deac'n," said the driver.

The folks got out, one by one. A sudden paralysis had seized the good old Deacon. He neither moved nor spoke nor stirred. Ann Eliza had fled already.

"How are you, Cousin Sperry?" said the old gentleman with the white whiskers: "we heard that the Smiths, who were coming to board with you, had decided to go to Canada—he was a cashier, you know—and so we knew you'd have room for us-and we were sure you'd be glad to see us—never forget your city cousins, eh? Here we are, the whole Smith family, Cousin Sperry. The old place is looking beautiful, isn't it?"

IN PREPARATION:

ON WHEE

For the Summer of 1882.

NO CONCILIATION!



SCENE.-PENNSYLVANIA.

Alarums .--Enter MACDUFF MITCHELL and MACBETH CAMERON.

MACBETH:-"** * * * * * * I 'll not yield—
Yet I will try the last. Lay on Macduff,
And damn'd be he that first cries: Hold, enough!"

FITZNOODLE IN AMERICA.

No. CCXXVII. CLUB MATTERS.



Ya-as, when I allowed myself to accompany the parwade of the Coaching Club the othah day, some fellaws who were sitting in aw close pwoximity to me, began discussing the question of my wecent wesignation from the

Mrs. Fitznoodle, who aw, by-the-way, had a wemendous bouquet of Jacqueminot woses, seemed interwested in the conversation, and Jack Carnegie also took some part in it, as he was sitting on the top of the coach immediately

in the we-ah of us.

"Ye know," wemarked one of these fellaws to me: "since you have wesigned aw the Governing Committee has expelled one of the

offending membahs and has severely censurwed the othah one."

The fellaw who addwessed me was attirwed in a light-colorwed tightly-fitting fwock-coat, with dark twousahs and dwab hat. Not half bad, but somewhat too pwonounced to come up entirely to my aw standard of corwect costume.

"Ya-as," Mrs. Fitznoodle said: "I am extwemely glad that the wesignation of my hus-band had the wesult of awakening the club authorwities to a wealizing sense of the dweadful disgwace bwought on the organization and everwybody connected with it.'

Aw my wife has a gweat deal of spirwit, and when she expwesses her mind fweely she invarwiably does so in exceedingly choice and appwopwiate language.

Jack observed that a wumah had weached his e-ahs that the expelled membah was positively furwious, and had we solved to bwing a lawsuit against the club to compel it to we instate him and make the amende honorwable, especially as he had quite we cently paid aw two hundwed pounds faw the pwivilege of wemaining a membah faw the remaindah of his life.

Then there were severwal cwies that I should be the final orwacle and expwess my opinion.
"It is," I wemarked: "absurd to suppose

that a club shouldn't have the aw powah to exrel any membah who behaves disgwacefully. If it can elect him it can expel him."

"Pwecisely," interwupted Jack: "in spite of what the law may have to say."

"Aw," I continued: "as there seems some

diversity of opinion on the subject, I think, in ordah to save a wow, the best plan would be to send back to the disgwaced membah his two hundwed pounds, and then, perwhaps, he would not twy to be weinstated, faw if he is the club will stand no bettah."

He-ah we arwived at the Bwunswick, and I helped to hand the ladies down faw wefwesh-

> NOW THE AIRY LADY-KILLER Getteth off his wild invec-Tive when doth the caterpillar, Tumble down his neck From a limb In the woodland cool and dim.

THE Sun says there is a tremendous decline in business. We think it must be in sympathy with the stock market.

REJECTED ARTICLES PUCK ne'er returns: In Spring he tears them, and in Winter burns.

IMPRESSIONS DU BOWERY.

When rosy morning opes her window wide, And Sol pours down his rays, a golden tide, And early tramps, along thy sunny side, Bathe their hot brains in cheap, but cooling, drinks, O Bowery,

Thou art a mildly uninviting way.
But when the glass of Time marks nigh mid-day,
And busy thousands jostle, rush and sway,
'T were best to take some other way, methinks,

But when the shades of evening o'er thee fall, And glaring lights burst forth, and one and all Thy dives belch out vile forms of things that crawl To seek their prey with wiles that hell invents, O Bowery:

Ah, then, with flaming lights and shadows fell Beneath the tall arches of the noisy "L," Thou seem'st in verity the road to—well—
Thou should'st of right be paved with good intents,
O Bowery.

F. I. C.

CONCERNING CROWS.

People with whimsical propensities-innate fun-lovers-seem to find something irresistibly ridiculous in certain animals; and this, too, without any particular provocation. I have seen many a quiet man, with a lurking twinkle in his eye, smile, chuckle, and finally fling himself back in an ungovernable fit of laughter, from merely watching a sedate hen as she scratches for her breakfast, or a lackadaisical dog aimlessly wandering hither and thither, with an absurdly blase look upon his grizzled countenance. And there is something, when we come to think of it, deliciously funny in the human resemblances and aptitudes of the lower animals. A monkey will make a misanthrope laugh. A strutting cock, who carries, as it were, his heart upon his sleeve, and makes such a frank parade of his egotism that you almost forgive him for it, should he by chance come to any embarrassing little mishap, inspires a burst of merriment no less genuine than the human snob would waken in like circumstances. It is nothing in-herent in brute nature itself that is so amusing, but the likeness to certain attributes and exhibitions of human nature—a relation more ridiculous for its very remoteness and incongruity. Only those animals which can assume, or have imposed upon them, a likeness to ourselves, are humorous. One hardly ever laughs at a horse or a cat or a sheep; but a dog, a monkey, a hen or a crow-

Which brings us to our proper subject. The crow (corvus Americanus)—which, by the way, is a whimsicality in nomenclature, is it not? belongs to a very large and not very respectable feathered family, of which the buzzard may claim to be the first-born and the heir, and the magpie the spoilt child and the baby.

Corvus Americanus Crow-for, if you will notice, the middle members of a family always have middle names-is a trim-built, mediumsized fellow, with a clerical aspect and a chronic clergyman's sore throat. There is nothing particularly remarkable in his outward appearance, except that he is black all over and waddles like a duck. But never mind that. Most remarkable characters possess their excellence within, not without. Corvus is aware that he is a smart fellow. Most smart fellows are-and also some that are not smart, Corvus reminds me most irresistibly, and under all circumstances, of the Shepherd in Dickens's "Pickwick Papers." To be sure, he hasn't a red nose; but then he has a black one; and for all practical purposes that amounts to the same thing. It has the same clandestine keenness for creature comforts, and the same deprecatory sniffle, I imagine, when caught in the exercise of its peculiar propensity. Corvus also loves his flock with a sort of gregarious love vastly like the Shepherd's. He is a hypocritical, insinuating, unprincipled, suc-

cessful knave, and he knows it.
Watch him over the cornfield in June —watch in spirit, or at a distance, I mean; for he would surely detect your presence, hide never so well as you might, and wing away, with an insulting sneer, to fresh fields and pastures new. First he soars over the field at a most contemptuous altitude, cawing all the while at the top of his brazen voice, and giving the whole world to understand that he has an engagement somewhere at the ends of the earth which he is bound to meet if it takes a wing. As soon as he has arrived at an unsuspicious distance, however, his cawing decreases in vehemence, and finally stops. He makes a lunge or two in a careless, swaggering fashion, and lights on top of a pine tree-if it is there; if it isn't, he doesn't light. Corvus has a propensity for pine trees, equally as strong, if not as easily accounted for, as the Shepherd's propensity for taverns. We will Shepherd's propensity for taverns. We will suppose that the tree is there, and that he lights upon it.

In the dark foliage, himself a dark, wily rascal, he sits silent until he thinks his vociferous hegira has been accomplished in the minds of men. Then he takes wing again, and, flying low, and keeping every available fence and tree between himself and a possible observer, returns to the cornfield, drops boldly down among the young corn and goes to work. He absorbs cereals as the Shepherd absorbed concoctions, with a sort of fierce sanctimoniousness that both amuses and angers one.

Many a time have I sat at my window in the attic and watched, with a pair of book-sharpened eyes, my friend Corvus away over yonder on the sunny slope, gorging himself with the swelled kernels. I have alternately laughed and reached for my rifle on the wall; but it always ended in Corvus getting a square meal, and my neighbors losing a prospective bushel of maize.

But the most ridiculous phase of the life of my feathered friend in black comes in the early Autumn, when the corvi juniores get ready to totter out on a bough of the pine homestead and wail their intentions of taking flight. Then, indeed, the whole family is at the mercy of every prowling vagabond in the land.

Corvus, for once, is too miserably anxious to The little corvi will not take flight, beseech them as he will, and their querulous and incessant complaint has attracted the attention and roused the indignation of the whole neighborhood. What boy, I should like to know, can resist the anguished, importunate scream of a young crow bewailing the necessity of flight? Not even though he were schoolward hound with a parental appropriate in the contract of the articles and the screen and the screen and the screen are the screen as a screen as ward bound, with a parental commission in his pocket, laying him under the necessity of profitable castigation at the teacher's hand, could he refuse to turn aside and shy a few stones at the young hypocrites on the branch, by way of reprisal.

But let the professional vagabond appear upon the scene, with his ancient fire-arm charged with a handful of blasting-powder and tamped with half the intelligence of the day, and the Corvus family is badly off indeedespecially if there be a neighboring stump or fence to serve as a base of operations for the gunner. One by one the helpless young corvi will drop sprawling from the branch, vociferous even in death. The parent birds, hoarse with indignation, swoop round and round, or, lighting on a tree-top, rock to and fro like mourners at an Irish wake. Finally their turn comes, too. The murderous fire-arm, swinging upon its pivot, is brought to bear upon them, till all that remains of the Corvus family is a heap of black feathers and the echo of a dying squall.

But fortunately for whimsical folks and the lower grade of Nimrods, crows are absolutely inexterminable. Though you were to blacken the earth with their corpses, the sun would still be darkened with those that remain. They will eat just so much corn, and devour just so many grubs, and afford just so much amusement, as long as the world lasts. So we might as well make up our minds that what can't be helped must be borne, and leave off trying to get rid of the Chinese and the crows.

PAUL PASTNOR.

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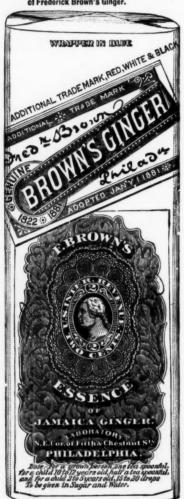
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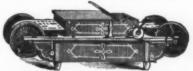
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